



# License Agent Newsletter



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Report poaching or polluting incidents  
(888) DFG-CALTIP or (888) 334-2258

## STURGEON FISHING REPORT CARD - NEW ITEM for 2007

In December 2006, the Fish and Game Commission adopted regulations that require all anglers who fish for sturgeon to possess a Sturgeon Fishing Report Card. The new regulations take effect March 1, 2007. All sturgeon caught must be recorded on the report card. The Sturgeon Fishing Report Card comes with three sturgeon tags. All sturgeon kept must be tagged with a sturgeon tag according to the instructions on the Sturgeon Fishing Report Card. An angler may keep up to three white sturgeon per year. Anglers may possess only one Sturgeon Fishing Report Card per license year. Every angler must return their Sturgeon Fishing Report Card to the address listed on the back of the card by January 31, 2008, even if they did not fish for sturgeon or if no sturgeon were caught.

## Consignment Accounts

Initial shipments of 2007 Sturgeon Fishing Report Cards will be shipped mid to late February to all consignment accounts that sell the Bay-Delta Sport Fishing Enhancement Stamp.

## Collect on Delivery (COD) Accounts

Enclosed is a license agent order form to order your 2007 Sturgeon Fishing Report Cards. You may place your order at anytime; however, Sturgeon Fishing Report Cards will not be shipped until mid to late February.

## Who Needs a Sturgeon Fishing Report Card?

Any person who will fish for sturgeon in California must have a Sturgeon Fishing Report Card. Anglers who are not required to have a sport fishing license, such as anglers who are 15 years of age and under, and anglers who fish from a public pier in ocean waters, **must** have a Sturgeon Fishing Report Card. When issuing a Sturgeon Fishing Report Card to any person who is not required to have a sport fishing license, you must write N/A on the report card in the space provided to record the angler's sport fishing license number.

## How Much Does the Sturgeon Fishing Report Card Cost?

The Sturgeon Report Card is **free** for anglers fishing for sturgeon in California waters. Although the report cards are free, license agents are responsible for issuing the report cards according to the instructions on the book cover and may be held accountable for improper issuance of Sturgeon Fishing Report Cards.

## How Do I Issue a Sturgeon Fishing Report Card?

Issue Sturgeon Fishing Report Cards like Abalone Permit Report Cards. Complete instructions are on the license book cover. Do not issue more than one Sturgeon Fishing Report Card per angler. Do not issue incomplete report cards. Issue a report card to any person who is required to have a sport fishing license by writing the Sturgeon Fishing Report Card number on the angler's sport fishing license. If there already is a number on the angler's license, do not issue one.



## **You Can Help Stop a Poacher**

By issuing licenses and report cards correctly, you can reduce poaching! Completely fill out all licenses and Sturgeon Fishing Report Cards. If the angler is required to have a sport fishing license, always write the angler's Sturgeon Fishing Report Card number on the angler's sport fishing license and write the sport fishing license number on the Sturgeon Fishing Report Card. Always return stubs from issued books of Sturgeon Fishing Report Cards to the DFG. Following these instructions will help prevent poachers from obtaining multiple report cards and will help the DFG to investigate possible poaching incidents.

## **What is the Purpose of the Sturgeon Fishing Report Card?**

Sturgeon sampling indicates that sturgeon populations have declined in recent years. Beginning March 1, 2007, annual bag limits will be in effect for sturgeon. The Sturgeon Fishing Report Card and Sturgeon Tags will be used to collect data for fisheries management and to enforce daily and seasonal bag limits.

## **When is a Bay-Delta Sport Fishing Enhancement Stamp Needed?**

In addition to a Sturgeon Fishing Report Card, anglers who are 16 years of age or older must have a Bay-Delta Sport Fishing Enhancement Stamp while taking Sturgeon in all waters defined in Section 1.18 of the sport fishing regulations (CCR, Title 14, Section 1.18).

## **How Do Anglers Return their Sturgeon Fishing Report Cards?**

Mail Sturgeon Fishing Report Cards to the address listed on the card on or before January 31, 2008. Anglers are required to return their report cards even if they did not fish for sturgeon or if no sturgeon were caught.

## **Where Do Agents Record the Sturgeon Fishing Report Card Number on Sport Fishing Licenses?**

The 2007 sport fishing licenses do not have a specific space for agents to record the Sturgeon Fishing Report Card Number; however, agents must write the number in ink on the angler's sport fishing license.

## **How Do Agents Report the Number of Sturgeon Fishing Report Cards Issued?**

The 2007 Sport Fishing Report Form has a location for agents to report the number of Sturgeon Fishing Report Cards issued. Please note that report forms and license book covers for sturgeon report cards are incorrectly labeled as having 10 report cards per book. There are actually 20 sturgeon fishing report cards per book.

**Consignment Accounts** are required to return all fully issued Sturgeon Fishing Report Card book covers by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month (Fish and Game Code Section 1055.5).

**COD Accounts** are required to return fully issued Sturgeon Fishing Report Card, Abalone Permit Report Card and Steelhead Fishing Report Card stubs no more than 30 days after the books are completely issued.

**If you have any questions about the Sturgeon Fishing Report Card, please contact the License and Revenue Branch at (916) 928-5805.**